Amendments to the Claims:

This Listing of Claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1.   (Cancelled)

2.   (Currently Amended) A toothbrush, comprising:

a base;

a handle connected to said base; and

bristles containing a combination of both a far-infrared emitting material and multi-element minerals, said bristles being attached to said base, [The toothbrush according to claim 1,] wherein said far-infrared radiation material is a blended mixture of powders including alumina (Al_2O_3), titania (TiO_2), ferrite (Fe_2O_3), chromium oxide (Cr_2O_3), silica (SiO_2), yttria (Y_2O_3), and magnesia (MgO).

3.   (Currently Amended) The toothbrush according to claim [1] 2, wherein said multi-element mineral comprises silicon-based minerals.

4.   (Original) The toothbrush according to claim 3, wherein said multi-element mineral comprises granite, perlite, pitchstone, and tourmaline.

5.   (Original) A toothbrush, comprising:

a base;

a handle connected to said base; and

a plurality of bristles attached to said base, at least some of said bristles formed from a combination of a blended mixture of far-infrared emitting powders including alumina (Al_2O_3), titania (TiO_2), ferrite (Fe_2O_3), chromium oxide (Cr_2O_3), silica (SiO_2), yttria (Y_2O_3), and magnesia (MgO), and a multi-element silicon-based mineral.

6.   (Original) The toothbrush according to claim 5, wherein said multi-element silicon-based mineral comprises granite, perlite, pitchstone, and tourlamine.

7-10   (Cancelled)

11.   (New) A toothbrush, comprising:

a base;

a handle connected to said base; and

a plurality of bristles attached to said base, at least some of said bristles formed from a combination of a blended mixture of far-infrared emitting powders includes at least one of titania (TiO_2), ferrite (Fe_2O_3), chromium oxide (Cr_2O_3), yttria (Y_2O_3), and magnesia (MgO), and a multi-element silicon-based mineral.

12.   (New) The toothbrush according to claim 11, wherein said multi-element mineral comprises granite, perlite, pitchstone, and tourmaline.

13.   (New) A toothbrush, comprising:

a base;

a handle connected to said base; and

a plurality of bristles attached to said base, at least some of said bristles formed from a combination of a blended mixture of far-infrared emitting powders and a multi-element silicon-based mineral, the blended mixture of far-infrared emitting powers includes alumina (Al_2O_3) and at least one of titania (TiO_2), ferrite (Fe_2O_3), chromium oxide (Cr_2O_3), yttria (Y_2O_3), and magnesia (MgO).

14.   (New) The toothbrush according to claim 13, wherein said multi-element mineral comprises granite, perlite, pitchstone, and tourmaline.

15.   (New) A toothbrush, comprising:

a base;

a handle connected to said base; and

a plurality of bristles attached to said base, at least some of said bristles formed from a combination of a blended mixture of far-infrared emitting powders and a multi-element silicon-based mineral, the blended mixture of far-infrared emitting powers includes silica (SiO_2) and at least one of titania (TiO_2), ferrite (Fe_2O_3), chromium oxide (Cr_2O_3), yttria (Y_2O_3), and magnesia (MgO).

16.   (New) The toothbrush according to claim 15, wherein said multi-element mineral comprises granite, perlite, pitchstone, and tourmaline.

17.   (New) A toothbrush, comprising:

a base;

a handle connected to said base; and

bristles formed from a powder combination and nylon, the powder combination formed from a far-infrared emitting material and a multi-element silicon-based mineral, where the powder combination is about 1% to 3% of volume of the nylon, and said bristles being attached to said base.

18.   (New) The toothbrush according to claim 17, wherein said far-infrared radiation material is a blended mixture of powders including alumina (Al_2O_3), titania (TiO_2), ferrite (Fe_2O_3), chromium oxide (Cr_2O_3), silica (SiO_2), yttria (Y_2O_3), and magnesia (MgO).

19.   (New)   The toothbrush according to claim 17, wherein said multi-element mineral comprises granite, perlite, pitchstone, and tourmaline.